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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Destruction of rats—Dysentery returns—Plague in Formosa.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, July 24, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since July 16, the date of my last report, no case of plague has appeared in Japan outside of the colony of Formosa. As regards the island just named the latest returns, about July 18, show recorded cases from January 4 amounting to 4,168, with a mortality of 3,268.

Notwithstanding the absence of human plague from Japan, the war against the rat goes on actively. Statistics just published show that, in Tokyo, June 11 to June 26, 216,879 were killed, while, during the entire month of June, 68,035 were destroyed in Osaka, 26,234 in Kobe, and 18,367 in Yokohama.

An isolated case of so-called cholera is announced from time to time as, on the 19th instant, 2 in widely separated districts of Tokyo.

Dysentery is somewhat severely prevalent in certain country neighborhoods of this, Kanagawa Ken, but Yokohama itself is practically free from this epidemic.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

A case of smallpox on the steamship City of Peking, at Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, July 25, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, on inspecting the steamship *City of Peking* yesterday morning, I found, among her firemen, a case which is probably one of smallpox modified by vaccination.

I at once requested the Japanese quarantine officers to send the ship to the quarantine station of Nagahama for thorough disinfection, and she is now there undergoing the process.

I shall visit her this afternoon, when, if all is satisfactory, the ship will proceed on her voyage. I have ordered general vaccination of all on board.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, August 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions of this station during the week ended August 3, 1901: There has been but 1 death from yellow fever. Thirty-three deaths are given as the city's mortality for the week. A death from cholera nostras was reported. Six vessels were given bills of health and 87 passengers inspected. I inclose the weekly mortality report.

Respectfully,

D. E. DUDLEY,
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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.